Rehabilitation of closed urea producing units

3281. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to rehabilitate all the closed units of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Limited and Fertilizers Corporation of India Limited in PPP route in Revenue Sharing Model;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed for the rehabilitation of the closed urea producing units in Public Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to explore the feasibility of revival of the closed Public Sector Fertilizer units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) subject to assured availability of natural gas, to meet the emerging demand production gap of urea in the country. The Government has constituted an Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECOS) with the mandate to evaluate all investment options for revival of the closed units of FCIL/HFCL and to make suitable recommendations for consideration of the Government. ECOS has already considered various possible investment options for revival of each of the closed units and have finalized its recommendations regarding the suitable financing option. The recommendations of ECOS are under consideration of the Government.

Manufacture of urea through coal gasification route

3282. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Fertilizers is seriously following up on the coal gasification route to manufacture urea in the closed Talcher Plant of M/s. Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the road map for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) an (b) In respect of Talcher Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited, Government is considering the coal gasification option also, along with all other options subject to the availability of interested parties to come forward for the revival with the improved technologies. A proposal is under discussion with M/s. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (RCF), M/s. Gas Authority India Limited (GAIL) and M/s. Coal India Limited (CIL) for Revival of Talcher Unit based on coal gasification route.

Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme

3283. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Pharmaceuticals has finalized the process of Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS);

(b) if so, the details in this regards along with the salient features thereof;

(c) the extent to which small and medium pharma enterprises will be benefited by the said scheme; and

(d) the details of existing grants and incentives available to small scale pharma units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium, Enterprises (MSME), on submission by the Department of Pharmaceuticals regarding the difficulties experienced by the small & medium enterprises in the pharmaceutical sector in respect of the additional financial burden in implementing the mandatory measures under the revised Schedule 'M' Standards relating to Good Manufacturing Practices and requirements of machineries/equipments etc., for pharmaceuticals production, issued revised Guidelines through the Second Supplement dated 13th July, 2009 to the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS). Under the revised guidelines, the benefit of the CLCSS would be available to the small scale pharma enterprises for an increased number of upto 179 equipments / machineries recommended for Drug and Pharmaceuticals Products, Sub-sector-wise for up-gradation to Schedule 'M' Standards as per the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940. It is expected that more than 3000 small scale pharma enterprises will be benefited from this enhanced scheme.

There is no separate incentive scheme available for the small scale pharma units in the country. However financial assistance in the form of 15% capital subsidy limited to the project cost of up to Rs. 100 lakhs *i.e.* total capital subsidy limit of Rs. 15 lakhs per small scale unit is available under the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme administered by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for technology up-gradation.

Supply of complex fertilizers to Himachal Pradesh

3284. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that shortage of complex fertilizers like NPK 12:32:16 and NPK 15:15:15 is being experienced in the State of Himachal Pradesh due to non-issuance of required supply by Government;

(b) if so, the steps Government has taken to ensure required supply of complex fertilizers to the State;

(c) whether Government has received any request to issue supply plan as per month-wise requirement and also to direct suppliers to ensure supply accordingly to the State; and